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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY PRESIDENT EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO
WASHINGTON

REF: EC BRUSSELS 886

1. WHILE COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS DID NOT MENTION IN MY LAST CONVERSATION WITH HIM PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON, ONE OF JUNIOR MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET HAS MENTIONED TO US DESIRABILITY OF FIXING DATE SOON. AS YOU ARE AWARE, VIEW JENKINS PUT TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND REITERATED IN HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER (REFTEL) WAS "THAT THE MOST USEFUL TIME FOR THIS (VISIT) WOULD BE IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE PROPOSED SUMMIT MEETING." EARLY OR MID-APRIL STRIKES ME AS THE OPTIMAL TIME.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THERE ARE STILL POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, LARGELY FROM THE FRENCH, OVER PROPOSED ATTENDANCE AT SUMMIT OF COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND THIS MIGHT WELL ONLY BE RESOLVED AT SOME HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING MARCH 25-26. HOWEVER, I DO NOT BELIEVE
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THAT WE SHOULD AWAIT OUTCOME OF ROME MEETING TO NAIL DOWN TIMING OF JENKINS' VISIT. ON CONTRARY, WHILE THERE IS OF COURSE RISK THAT INVITATION TO JENKINS WOULD HARDEN FRENCH POSITION, ON BALANCE SINCE EVERYONE CONCERNED KNOWS THAT INVITATION IN PRINCIPLE WAS EXTENDED, I THINK IT BETTER TO PROCEED. INDEED, PROMPT ISSUANCE OF INVITATION WOULD IN MY VIEW BE LIKELY TO STRENGTHEN JENKINS'

HAND.

3. ACTION REQUEST: AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE DATES FOR JENKINS'
VISIT OR ALTERNATIVELY INSTRUCTIONS TO GET JENKINS'
APPRAISAL OF THE POLITICS OF AN APRIL INVITATION IN RELATION
TO HIS PROBLEMS WITHIN COMMUNITY OVER POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE
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